

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 606
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diana M. Gresham a fourth grade teacher at West Elementary School on being selected Hamblen County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous selection process, Hamblen County teachers select a Teacher of the Year for grades Kindergarten through fourth; and

WHEREAS, Diana M. Gresham, a popular and highly regarded fourth grade teacher at West Elementary School, was appropriately honored as the 1998 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year for grades Kindergarten through fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, a highly praised student, Ms. Gresham earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Science/Art/Psychology from Carson-Newman College in 1965; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Carson-Newman in 1982; a Master of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1995; and an Educational Specialist/Supervision and Administration Degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gresham has served admirably as a fourth grade teacher at West Elementary School since 1986 and is co-sponsor of the Junior Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, she also generously contributes her time and leadership as fourth grade team leader, as a member of the Screening Committee of applicants for enrollment at Carson-Newman College, as a member of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTP), having served as

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treasurer for the 1996-1997 school year, and as a member of the Lakeway International Reading Council, having served as treasurer of the group for the 1996-1997 school year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gresham serves as mentor for Practicum students from Carson-Newman College, as a valued member of the School to Work Development Conference, and the School to Work Externship, as a mentor for interns from the University of Tennessee and Carson-Newman and as a member of the state Department of Education Praxis Test, developed by NTE; and

WHEREAS, her teaching philosophy centers around the idea that "all children are individuals, who can learn and should be provided with the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability"; and

WHEREAS, West Elementary School Principal Bill Harrison has described Diana as a deserving, hardworker. She is a team player and very professional. Her talents are admired by the Morristown community both professionally and as a volunteer. She honestly and truly cares about the well-being of the students and she will go the extra mile to help a student in need."; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize one of our best and brightest teachers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Diana Gresham on her selection as Hamblen County Teacher of the Year and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.